

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. This amendment and reply is being filed in order to correct an obvious error in claim 1, as well as to include a step that should have been included in claims 17 and 18. In this regard, the scope of claim 1 has not changed, and the scope of claims 17 and 18 have been narrowed somewhat. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 should be made.

**Status of Claims:**

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 17 and 18 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment and reply amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1 and 9-22 remain pending in this application.

**Claim Amendments:**

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an obvious error in that claim. Clearly, a proper condition for inspection according to the present invention is that a component mounted in a first component mounting step is positioned so as not to cover the mounting area for another component to be mounted in a second component mounting step. Accordingly, the word “properly” in claim 1 has been changed to “improperly”, to correct that obvious error in presently pending claim 1.

Claims 17 and 18 were added in the previously filed reply, and were drawn from originally-filed claims 2 and 3. As such, claims 17 and 18 are missing a step (that was in claims 2 and 3) corresponding to a processing of imaging a substrate that has undergone the first component mounting step whenever accepting the substrate.

Accordingly, correction of claims 17 and 18 is also respectfully requested.

**Conclusion:**

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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